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(SBU) Per Reftel, Jon Merrill, Director, International Organisations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was informed of the proposed increase in Afghanistan's National Army. Mr. Merrill commented that the information was not unexpected and they appreciated notice of the proposal before the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board meeting July 6 in Kabul.

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